

SWARCer NEWS

ATTENDANCE

Here is the roll call for those that attended the meeting.

John Daniel	No Call
Tonya Norton	No Call
Randy Bruns	No Call
Shelley Friel	No Call
Teresa Donner	No Call
Sue Byrd	No Call
Remington Gulley	No Call
Dicky Dunn	No Call
Gloria Mowels	No Call
Jessie Watts	No Call
Steve Mowels	KA0GMY
Jim Pendergraft	KM4SOW
Nick Principe	KM4DMO
Bill Blomgren	KK4QDZ
Jason Watts	KM4QVD
Christy Fernandini	KJ4AEO
Adrian S. Peele	AJ4NX
Neil Little	WA4AZL
Glenn Taylor	NC4KG
AL Crawford	WA4TCJ
Linda Crawford	KI4LO
Bernard Jones	KM4QVG
Cecil Byrd	KM4ARS

Federico Lluberes	KK4HAQ
Chris Lassitee	KC4EOG
Marvin Friel SR	WV4MWF
Scott Wilkinson	KJ4TUC
John Reilly	AA4JR
Jason Upchurch	KM4PFV
Alice Gross	KI4YXQ
Bradley Norton	KM4JYR
Mike Ramsey	KD4OKR
Mary Alice Ramsey	KD4OKQ
Greg Gabry	N9PGG
Shep Sheppard	K4OKI
Bryan Miles	KJ4WRD
Kenn Kubiacki	KK4OSI
Bill Conradi	W2NJK
Nancy	KM4KUT
John Paul	AB4PP
Ron Cooney	K4AAA
Dave Krum	NW3U
Barbara Brewer	KB9TIV
Steve Cashion	KK4EYN

We wish to thank all of those that attended the meeting. It was a pleasure to see so many at the dinner and meeting.

Every month when we announce the meetings we ask that if you are going to attend the dinner that you sign up on the web page and let us know that you will be attending and an idea as to what you will be bringing. As you will notice at this last meeting almost everyone brought Bo chicken because no one bothered to sign up. Thank you who ever brought the pot roast to give some variety.



Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.



Club News and World (LOCAL) Events

Hi everyone as the new editor of the club newsletter I want everyone to know what to expect. I am hoping to have the newsletter out the first weekend after the club meeting. So if you have information you want included then I will need it that weekend. If you take part in a special event the write it up and submit it along with some pictures. We will be happy to include your articles. If you would like to write about something going on in the club (good or bad) we will be happy to include your article. Please remember this is your newsletter and your contributions are appreciated.

With elections loommg around the corner the nominating committee consist of

Kenn KK4OSI
Wade KW4EMG
Dave NW3U

Positions of interest are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Chairman
Member at large

If you are interested in one of these positions or know of someone then please let the nominating committee know.

South Wake Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Steve (KA0GMY).

Opening Announcements

- Next month's meeting will be the spring picnic for the club; Tim (W4TAR) will be roasting chicken; club members are asked to bring sides
- Jason (KM4PFV) has graciously volunteered to be our club chef
- The Field Day radio raffle tickets have sold out—all 200 of them

Public Service Report by Kenn (KK4OSI)

- 2016 Spring Fling was a success
- MS Walk at the PNC Arena is the next public service opportunity; volunteers needed
- May 1: Raven Rock Ramble; see Kenn with questions

Vice President's Report (NW3U)

- Field Day plans are being made; the EM trailer will be available
- We are in need of station operators; see Dave if you are interested
- Motion made to allocate \$400 for field day expenses; motion seconded; motion passed

Board Nominations Committee by Kenn (KK4OSI)

- See Kenn or Dave if you are interested in serving on the board of directors
- Voting will take place at the June meeting
- American Legion-SWARC Liaison Report by Mike (KD4OKR)
- The SWARC call sign is officially N4SWC not WB4TAL
- The legion has been extremely supportive of SWARC



**Club News
and World
(local) Events**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Steve Mowels - KA0GMY

Vice President

David Krum – NW3U

Secretary

Nancy Butterfield –
KM4KUT

Treasurer

Christy Fernandini -
KJ4AEO

Member-At-Large

Mike Ramsey – KD4OKR

Member-At-Large

Tim Ruffin – W4TAR

Member-At-Large

John Lockhart – KA0IRG

Membership Chair

Ryan Avery , NC4RA

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Net Manager

Julie Royster - KT4JR

Special Events Director

Gino Fernandini - KI4YXO

Public Service Director

Kenn Kubacki – KK4OSI

- Shep (K4OKI) will draft a letter of appreciation to the legion
- Motion was made to donate \$500 to the American Legion Post 116; motion seconded; motion passed

Other Business

- Kenn and Mike are building a repeater from scratch; they are in need of cavities
- Working on this repeater during a club meeting would be educational for all

Meeting Program

SKYWARN Refresher Training

Mike Moneypenny, State Hydrologist with the National Weather Service

Program begin at 7:34 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy (KM4KUT)

NET REPORT

The SWARC nets remain popular, and frequently hams passing through who check in comment favorably about how active our repeater community is.

Here are the checkin stats for

March 2016.

73,
Julie KT4JR

FULL REPORT BELOW

Net sessions: 31
Members participating: 40
Visitors participating: 129
Total checkins ("QNI") 749

Net control operators listing:

KJ4CVK	M	7
NC4MP	M	4
AJ4NX	M	4
KT4JR	M	4
KM4JYR	M	3
K9RII	M	3
KW4EMG	M	2
K9RII	M	1

Top QNI listing:

31 KJ4CVK
28 KT4JR
27 KW4EMG
26 K9RII
26 KK4QDZ
25 KK4BVU (Guest)
23 AA4JR
19 NC4MP
18 KM4JYR
17 KA0GMY
16 AJ4NX
15 KB4RZ (Guest)
15 NC4BJ
13 KJ4WLG (Guest)
13 AK4XZ
13 NC1NC
13 KI4WAI (Guest)
12 KI4ODO (Guest)
12 KM4ARS

12 KG4JOK (Guest)
11 KM4RMV (Guest)
10 K2OLT (Guest)
10 WA4TCJ
10 KK4OSI
10 KM4LGW

*South Wake Amateur
Radio Club Treasurer
Report for*

Next Club Meeting

*Our next meeting
will take place on
May 2, 2016. This will
be our Spring Picnic
Dinner will start at
6pm and it will be
Chicken. Please
remember to sign up
for dinner so there
will be plenty of
chicken and we also
ask that you bring a
side dish to go with
chicken. There will
be no formal
program but we will
discuss upcoming
elections and Field
Day.*

February 2016

*Club Addition and
Reductions Activity*

Additions

Meal 100.00

FT-857 raffle 875.00

Dues 30.00

Dues 15.00

Total Additions

1020.00

Reductions

Meals 111.42

Club P.O. Box 102.00

RARS table 18.00

Total Reductions

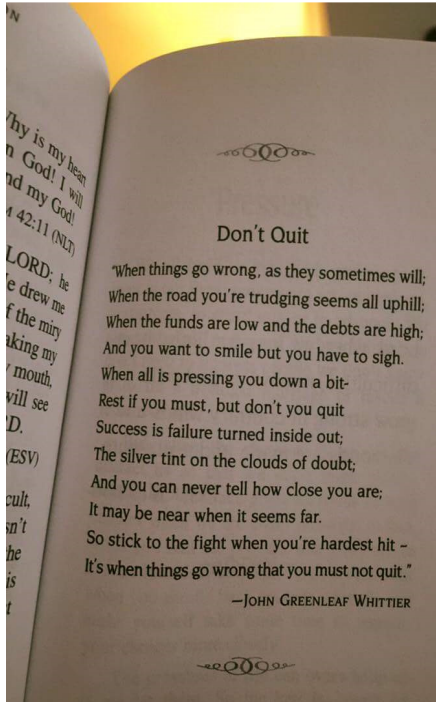
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*Balance as of
03/07/2016 1903.33*

Additions 1020.00

Reductions 231.42

*Balance as of
04/04/2016 2691.91*



**Thank you for the
input Miss Rose**

Repeater Dos and DON'Ts

DOS

1. Identify....

**FCC rule 97.119 Station
Identification**

**Each amateur station must
transmit its assigned call sign
on its transmitting channel
at the end of each**

**communication, and at least
every 10 minutes during a
communication.**

2. Be courteous

**When you hear another
station identify please allow
them to either join the
conversation or to make the
call that they need to make.**

3. Listen

**Be sure to listen before
keying up. That way you will
not cause interference.**

DON'Ts

1. Forget to identify

**Folks this is not hard to
do. Most repeaters are
set to identify every 8
minutes. So get in line
with the repeater and
you won't have a
problem.**

2. Be Rude

**Please don't ignore a
breaking station. He/She
might have an
emergency or they may
actually have something
intelligent to add to the
ongoing conversation.**

3. Be a repeater HOG

**We know what you have
to say is important but is**

**2 minutes going to make
it less important.**

**A repeater is an
amateur station
that
simultaneously
retransmits the
transmission of
another amateur
station on a
different channel
or channels.**

**This is the definition that
the FCC puts on a
repeater according to
97.3(40). The South Wake
ARC has been blessed
with the use of an
excellent repeater. The
145.210 is one of the best
systems in the local area
as recognized by all the
amateurs in the area
through the increased
use of this fabulous
machine. We have**

members from other repeater groups finding their way to the 145.210 because of the superb coverage and because we appear to be having fun on the repeater. You can constantly hear comments on how active the 145.210 is and how much fun appears to be had on this machine. Sure there are times that the users get a little silly with the tugging and pulling but everyone is aware that it is done in fun and that in the end we are one big family. We all recognize what we had to go through to get our tickets that gives the right for us to be on the repeater. Yes, we do get interference from some quacks but in general we are interference free. The above points are just a guide to keep the system trouble free. If we all remember that there are people listening all the time and who feel that what they have to say is just as important as what you have to say, then we are going to be okay. Several other

things to remember are that you should never acknowledge an interfering station. Check the input for signal strength and report what signal strength you get to a local OO or someone who is in control of the repeater. When you report this information do not do it on the radio please use email or the phone. This will allow the parties involved to triangulate on the interfering signal. Also please remember this is considered a family repeater and kids do listen to it. Please do not use language that is inappropriate for young children. Please do not say anything on the repeater that you do not want your kids to hear or repeat. Keep in mind that there are several young people that have their ticket and if they hear you saying something inappropriate then they do not see anything wrong with repeating it. As previously stated these are a guide and suggestions for using the

repeater. The PCRN repeater that we use is part of a larger network. With that in mind we ask that you follow these suggestions. If you find these suggestions too restricting, then there are other repeaters in the area that you might feel more comfortable on. Also if something is said that you think is wrong then please do not vent. It is okay to express your opinion and to disagree but please do not vent. Also if something is said that you think is wrong then please report it to the PCRN to look into. This is a PCRN repeater please do not do anything that might cause the SWARC group to lose the use of this wonderful machine.